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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for OR22: Center St Bridge (Salem) in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Oregon Department of Transportation and the project is located at OR22: Center St Bridge, Salem, OR 97301.

The funding is designated for to seismically analyze and retrofit the series of structures that constitute the Center Street crossing of the Willamette River. The Center Street bridge was constructed in 1985 and is the best candidate for retrofitting out of the 2 bridges that go in and out of Oregon's capital. For obvious reasons, this bridge needs to be seismically adequate for immediate use after the anticipated Cascadia event occurs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits to help my constituents survive in the event of a dangerous earthquake. The only other crossing into the Salem area is a bridge that was built in 1953 and is unable to undergo seismic retrofitting due to the overall cost-benefit. This funding for the Center St bridge project would ensure a safe point of access for the capital city of Oregon.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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